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Prayer to be used in all Churches and Chapels throughout England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Wednesday the Twenty-seventh of this instant February, being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a General FAST and Humiliation before Almighty God, to be observed in the most Devout and Solemn Manner, by sending up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty:

For obtaining Pardon of our Sins, and for averting those heavy Judgements which our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved; and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of His Majesty by Sea and Land, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity to Himself, and to His Kingdoms.

By His Majesty's Special Command.

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The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ The Service shall be the same with the usual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwise appointed.

¶ Let him that ministereth read with a loud Voice these Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation, Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgive- Daniel ix. 9, 10.
nesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain Psalm xviii. 5.
unto my God. So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple; my complaint shall come before him.

¶ Instead of the Venite, this Hymn shall be used.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my Psalm xxv. 1.
God, I have put my trust in Thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

Wherfore should the Heathen say, where is now their God?

The Lord is King, be the Earth never so unquiet; the Lord is great in Sion, and high above all People.

I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest Psalm cxliii. 1.
in the Heavens.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly; but the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

In the multitude of sorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

The Lord is my refuge, and my God is the strength of my confidence,

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Psalms
LXXXVI. 15. Thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy,
long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

Psalms
LXXXVI. 11. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth.
O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear thy name.

Psalms
LXXXIV. 9. Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the
face of thine anointed.

Psalms
LXXXIV. 5. Blessed is the man, whose strength is in Thee, in whose
heart are thy ways.

Psalms
LXXXIII. 2. Lo! thine enemies make a murmuring, and they that
hate Thee have lift up their heads.

Psalms
LXXXIII. 16. Make their faces ashamed, O Lord, that they may seek
thy name.

Psalms
XXIX. 10. The Lord shall give strength unto his people, the Lord
shall give his people the blessing of Peace.

Psalms
LXXXIX. 9. Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the glory of thy name;
O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins for thy name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

¶ Proper Psalms, LI. and XC.

First Lesson, II Chronicles XX. to the End of Verse 15.

¶ After the first Lesson, shall follow Te Deum laudamus,
in English.

Second Lesson, St. Matthew XXIV. 36—44.

¶ Then Benedictus, the Creed, &c. to the End of the
Lord's Prayer.

¶ Then the Priest, standing up, shall say,

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us,

Answ. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the King!

Answ. Who putteth his trust in Thee.

Priest. Send him help from thy holy place,

Answ. And evermore mightily defend him.

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Priest. Let his enemies have no advantage against him.

Answ. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people,

Answ. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord,

Answ. And make thy chosen people joyful.

¶ *This Collect to be used instead of the First Collect for Morning Prayer.*

OLORD God of our Salvation, who orderst all things by Thy unsearchable Wisdom, bringing to nought by Thy power the Counsels of the Wicked, and working deliverance for Thy Servants; we prostrate ourselves before Thee, in earnest Prayer and Supplication, in behalf of ourselves and other Nations, exposed at this time to the cruelty, or groaning under the oppression, of Apostates from Thy Truth, and Despisers of Thy Holy Name; who have spread desolation wherever they have erected their standard.

We implore Thy Blessing; O Lord, upon Thy faithful Servant, our gracious Sovereign. Guard him, as hitherto Thou hast done, against secret Conspiracy and open Violence, and unite our hearts, as the heart of one man, in loyal attachment to his Person, and in dutiful submission to his Authority, and to the Laws. Prosper, we beseech thee, his Cares for the welfare of his People. Assist him in all his Counsels for the preservation of these Kingdoms, and crown them with Thy Blessing; and grant unto him that Peace, which the world cannot give, the comfort of sure trust and confidence in Thee.

Thou hast been our merciful God from generation to generation. We have trusted in Thee, and we have been holpen. Without Thee the wisdom of the Wise is vain, and the multitude of an Host is weak. Vouchsafe to continue to us, O Lord, in such manner, Thy guidance and support, that the Enemies of our Peace may see, that Thine Arm, stretched out to save, can crush the mightiest force, and bring to nought the most subtle Designs of human Policy; and that the man of the Earth, who lifteth up his Banners against Thee, shall ever be humbled under Thy Almighty hand.

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Hear us, O merciful God, for the sake and through the merits of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall follow the Second and Third *Collects* at Morning Prayer, and the *Litany*, and then the following *Prayer*.

OLORD, our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge; with penitent hearts, that we have been blessed, beyond other nations, in the knowledge and undisturbed Profession of Thy Truth, and in the long Possession of abundant temporal Prosperity: and we confess, that, like the Israelites of old, we have too often turned our backs on Thee, and sought our Peace and Security in our own Inventions. Restore us, O Lord, to a dutiful sense of Thee in this Time of our Visitation. Grant us Grace to put away all Ungodliness and sinful Lusts, and so to hold fast the Profession of our Faith in purity of heart and mind, that Thy Judgements may be withdrawn from us, and we may become distinguished Objects of Thy Mercy, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Then the People shall say this that followeth, after the Minister.

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy People, Who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy People, good Lord, spare them, and let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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¶ In the time of War and Tumults.

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish Sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our Enemies; abate their pride, asswage their malice, and confound their devices; that we being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only Giver of all victory, through the merits of Thy only Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets.

O Eternal Lord God, whose Voice, mighty in Operation, the raging Seas and the stormy Winds obey; who hast compassed the Ocean with its bounds, saying, "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy proud Waves be stayed;" O God, who, in Thy Mercy, guidest the Mariner in Safety through the trackless Deep; receive, we beseech Thee, into Thy gracious and Almighty Protection, the Fleets of Thy Servant our Sovereign, the Vessels of our Merchants, and the Persons of all those who serve in them. Preserve them from the Perils of the Seas, from the Efforts of the Enemy, and from the Danger of Disease in distant Climates; that they may return in Safety, and crowned, if it be Thy good Pleasure, with Success in their Enterprizes, either of just and necessary War, or of lawful Commerce, to enjoy the Blessings of their native Land; and, with thankful Remembrance of all Thy Mercies, to unite in rendering Praise and Glory to Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech Thee, most merciful God, that, by Thy Grace, Thou wouldest keep alive in us, who have this day presumed to implore such great Blessings at Thy hands, a constant sense of Thy presence,

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and of our dependence upon Thee. Suffer us not to return to our former sinfulness and disobedience, nor again to yield to those evil passions and desires which have brought down Thy just judgements upon us: But save us, O God; save us, not only from our worldly, but also from our spiritual enemies; and most especially save us from ourselves, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Prayer for the High Court of Parliament;—
the General Thanksgiving, and to the End of Morning
Prayer as usual.*

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T After the Prayer for the King [Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting] shall be read the Collect of the Day, as in the Morning Prayer, [O Lord God of our Salvation], and then shall follow

The Epistle. 2 Peter Chap. II. to Ver. 12.

BUT there were false Prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you; who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandize of you: whose judgement now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing vexed his righteous soul, from day to day, with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished: but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

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The Gospel. St. Luke Chap. XIII. Ver. 1, to 6.

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered these things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Then shall follow the Nicene Creed: and after that the Sermon.

After the Prayer [for the whole state of Christ's Church] the following shall be used.

A Prayer for our Enemies, and for Support under Persecution.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast disposed the heart of our Sovereign to unite us in prayer and supplication this day for the Pardon of our Sins, and for deliverance from the Evils of War; suffer us, we beseech Thee, in the Spirit of Christian Charity, to offer our humble Intercession for the Repentance and Conversion of Men, who have cast off their Faith in Thee the Living God; and, following the vain imaginations of reprobate Minds, have plunged themselves into Crimes and Impieties which astonish the Nations of the Earth. Open their Eyes, O Lord, that they may see and consider, with detestation and horror, the Ravages of their Cruelty. Strike them, in Thy Mercy, with Remorse and Compunction, before they fill up the measure of their Iniquities: And grant, O God, unto us, Thy Servants, Grace, whilst we behold with compassion the miseries they have inflicted upon the objects of their fury, to recollect the many calamities, from which, We, by Thy merciful Providence, are exempted. What are we, O Lord, that Thou shouldst so regard us! O let Thy mercy enter into our

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name; We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Priest (or Bishop, if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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In my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God. So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple; my complaint shall come before him.

¶ The Hymn appointed to be used at Morning Prayer, instead of the Venite, &c. shall here also be used before the proper Psalms.

¶ Proper Psalms, LXXXVI. and CXXX.

¶ First Lesson, Jonah III.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, &c. St. Luke I. 46.

¶ Second Lesson, 2 St. Peter III.

God be merciful unto us, &c. Psalm LXVII.

¶ Then the Creed, &c. to the End of the Lord's Prayer.

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¶ The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our Enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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I Read the usual Prayers, to the End of the Prayer In Time of War and Tumults; then

A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets, [as in Page 7.] and then the following:

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Then the Prayer for the High Court of Parliament;—for all Sorts and Conditions of Men, and the General Thanksgiving.

¶ A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. XIII. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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